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In re application of

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METHOD FOR ELIMINATING PROTOZOA, IN PARTICULAR FREE LIVING AMOEBAS IN COLONISED AQUEOUS FLOW, A METHOD FOR TREATING AN AQUEOUS FLOW BY ELECTROPULSING, AND ITS APPLICATION TO ELIMINATING PROTOZOA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, insert as a first sentence:

--This is a continuation of co-pending international application No. PCT/FR00/00981, filed on 14 April 2000, which designated the United States of America.--

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